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Response to Restriction Requirement

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In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the invention of a first ECM Binding Sequence species, namely, 1-b, or SEQ. ID NO: 10. In addition, as requested by the Examiner in her May 8, 2006 office action, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the invention of a Second ECM Binding Sequence species, namely, 1-c, or SEQ. ID NO: 16. After a review of the claims which are pending after submission of the previously filed preliminary amendment, claims 1-5, 18-22 and 35-41 are readable on the elected species set forth above.

In the alternative, Applicants request that the Examiner give consideration to the examination of claims 1-6, 7-24 and 36-41 in the present application and in particular, to all of the species set forth in claims 4-5. Although broader than the specific species elected, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter including within these claims is sufficiently narrow to provide the Examiner with a limited number of embodiments to search and to examine with an administrative efficiency which is appropriately applied in the present application.

Notwithstanding the species election, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's requirement for restriction and request that the species of claims 4/21 and 5/22 be examined. The elected species sequences which are set forth specifically in claims 4/21 and 5/22, are